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WATER FASHIONS.—The general centre of attention is still the White's Bonnet Room. Understanding that the proprietors were about to open a new establishment, we visited them this morning, and found that they had not even one of the fair sex to whom we might decently offer our respects. It is surprising how much it adds to the personal appearance, to show the condition of the State at different periods. There is not probably another nation in Massachusetts who could have produced such a man as Mr. F. W. Pease, and filled various offices of public trust with honor and credit. His familiarity with the State records induced him to publish a work that is of great importance to the citizens of Massachusetts, and was the gradual advance of the country in wealth, agriculture, commerce and the useful arts of the Commonwealth.

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Poetry.

THE CASTAWAY.

"The impious has very generally obtained that reformation of drunks is a business undertaken. Few teach us now to turn out of doors them from the den, though he offendeth. They may yet be recovered and become useful members of society."

The youth from Bain's grave,
And dashed in earth his chain;
And bade him sit, no more a slave,
A man, with Man again.

Then's rescued from the severer, when
Hope failed to close the spell;

Then's broken cast, though bended man

Wide as the ocean.

To crush the soul—till the fruit is ripe,

Is man's truest冤.

The triumph, Temperance! this!

No man's victory—with its song

In stoned the warrior's grave;

And criss rings thine, in trumpet-tongue,

"Our sons no more are slaves!"

Magnificus unequalled power!

Who but thyself could dare

To seek the lion in his lair,

And bade him in his lair?

"We'll—more—'tis noble done;

Thy resonance, by far

I'd choose, jewelled sceptre won

By emperor or case.

Yet, angel! or what's there art,

Thy grace turns on them,

For whom this world hath little part,

Whose hope beyond, is this.

For full removes his last, and fast,

The serpent held him bound;

With grip of death his folds are cast

His instant doom.

He poised quenched his prime;

His foes knew destruction early;

And now he "rides his time."

These are dues now to share his woe,

He will not seek alone;

His spirit less I linked unto

Jehovah's mornless gloom.

Am I heart-stirring's proud heart—

Shouldst thou, foray, pass by,

And leave in his dark despair

A castaway, to die?

Oh strive! till longer that dark way

We will not, cannot tread;

But walks forth cheerful day,

The living from the dead.

W. R. Tappan's Poems.

FAMILY JARS.
Jars of joyousness; jars,
Jars of softest balm and balsam,
Jars of early greennesses,
Jars of winter mists, jars of spice,
Jars of orange marmalade,
Jars of pickles, jars home-made,
Jars of cedar-ether-wine,
Jars of honey, sparkle;

Would the jars were these,
Which come in families!

Miscellaneous.

Washington at the Opening of Congress.

I stood too with him on that same stone platform before the door of the hall, elevated by a few steps from the pavement, when the carriage of the President drew up. It was, as he describes it, white, or rather of a light cream-color, painted on the panels with beautiful groups, by Cipriani, representing the four seasons. The horses, according to my recollection, were white, in token with the carriage. (He says they were greyish brown.) He is more correct.) As we ascended, and, descending the steps, paused upon the platform, looking over his shoulder, in an attitude that would have furnished an admirable subject for the pencil, he was preceded by two gentlemen bearing long white wands who kept back the crowd that pressed on every side to get a nearer view. At that moment I stood so near, that I might have touched his hand; but I should as soon have thought of touching an electric battery. I was penetrated with a vibration amounting to the deepest awe. Nor was this the feeling of a schoolboy only; it was prevalent, I believe, every human being that approached WASHINGTON; and I have been told that, even in his social and convivial hours, this feeling in those who were honored to share them, never suffered intermission. I saw him a hundred times afterward, never with any such apprehension, but always with a reverence amounting to awe. When he "addressed himself to speak," there was an unconscious suspense of the breath, while every eye was fixed on him. At the same time I speak of him in profound silence, and had that status-like air which mental greatness alone can bestow. As he turned to enter the building, and was ascending the stairs leading to the Congressional Hall, I glided along unperceived, almost under cover of the skirts of his dress, and entered instantly after him into the lobby of the House, which was in session in session to receive him. On either side of me were two neighbors who were evidently of high rank, and one of them was a member of the Senate. There was a空气 of respect, of reflection, of gentlemanly and polished dignity, which has, or lingers with, here and there a "relic of the old time."

The House seemed then as composed as the Senate now is when an impressive speech is in the act of delivery. On Washington's entrance, all eyes were fixed upon him, until silence prevailed. House, lobbies, gallery, all were wrapped in the deepest attention; and the souls of that entire assemblage seemed pouring from their eyes on the noble figure which deliberately, and with an unaffected, but surpassing majesty, advanced upon the broad aisle of the Hall, between ranks of standing Senators and Members, and slowly ascended the steps leading to the Speaker's chair, and well received by the entire body of the Senate—the tall, square, somewhat gaunt form of Mr. Jefferson; conspicuous from his acrid waistcoat, bright blue coat, with broad bright buttons, and high-boned Scottish cap of features. There too, Gen. Knox, then Secretary of War, in all the sleek rotundity of his low stature, with a bold and florid face, open, firm, and frank in its expression. But I recollect that my boyish heart caught by the appearance of De Yturri, the Spanish Ambassador. He stood in the rear of the chair, a little on one side, covered with a splendid diplomatic dress, decorated with orders, and carrying under his arm an immense *capa bras*, edged with white ostrich feathers. He was a man totally different in air and manner from all around him, and the very antipodes especially of the man on whom our eyes but his seemed fixed as by a spell. I saw many other very striking figures grouped and behind the Speaker's chair, but I did not

know their names, and had no one to ask; besides I dared not open my lips.

The President having seated himself, remained in silence, serenely contemplating the Legislature before him, whose members now resumed their seats, waiting for the speech. No honor, no privilege, in any one's presence of devotion, or even more profound still than that large and stately chamber.

Washington was dressed precisely as Stuart has painted him in Lord Lansdowne's full length portrait—in a full suit of the richest black velvet, with diamond knee-buckles and square silver buckles set upon shoes gilded with the most scrupulous neatness, black silk stockings, his shirt ruff, his stockings, his breeches, his coat, his waistcoat, his hair professedly powdered, fully dressed, so as to project at the sides, and gathered behind in a silk bag ornamented with a large rose of black ribbon. He held his cocked hat, which had a large black cockade on one side of it, in his hand, as he advanced towards the chair, and, when seated, laid it on the table.

At length, thrusting his hand within the folds of his coat, he drew out a number of small coins, which rattled, and ringing, it was in his hand, while in a rich, deep, full, sonorous voice, he read his opening address to Congress. His enunciation was deliberate, justly emphasized, very distinct, and accompanied with an air of deep solemnity, as being the dignity of the act in which it was occupied. The words were deeply impressed with the gravity of deportment not discernible in those by whom he was surrounded. Far is it from me to say that the visits he received were upon business, as having anything to do with the local government of the city, but can scarcely be accounted so. His enunciation is endowed with reasoning powers, or has any system of law regulating the body politic, is the prairies.

In different parts of the same village the members of it were seen gambling, frisking, and visiting about, occasionally turning heels over head into their holes, and appearing to have fun and fun among themselves.

The first town I visited was several miles in length, and at least a mile in width. Around and in the vicinity, were smaller villages—suburbs of the larger town to all appearance. We kindled a fire and cooked three of those we had shot, and found the meat exceedingly sweet, tender, and juicy—resembling that of the squirrel, only that there was more fat upon it. This ended a first visit to one of the numerous dog towns of the west.

dent, mayor, or chief—at all events he was the "big dog" of the place. For at least an hour I looked at the operations of this little community. During that time the large dog shall have measured, I suppose, at least a dozen yards, from his following tail to the tip of his nose, and chat with him a few moments and run off to their domiciles. All this while he never left his post for a moment, and I thought I could discover a gravity of deportment not discernible in those by whom he was surrounded. Far is it from me to say that the visits he received were upon business, as having anything to do with the local government of the city, but can scarcely be accounted so. His enunciation is endowed with reasoning powers, or has any system of law regulating the body politic, is the prairies.

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held in his "death grasp," and went deliberately and opened the door. The Indians on the outside, thinking it was his comrade, entered entirely off his guard, when the Indian hawk of his accomplices was buried in the back of his head, and he fell dead on the floor.

Many instantly took to her remaining children in her arms, to the nearest neighbor, and gave the alarm. The woman of the house seemed much agitated, and said her husband had gone out about half an hour before. She then proceeded out to another sector about a mile further, and told what she had heard. A moment after, the Doctor was called out for medical assistance. The Indians, however, had followed him, and seized upon the house to be there at the time, caught up their rifles, and proceeded immediately to William's residence, when on examination it was found—but it was too horrible to relate—they found that these were worse than savage monsters were not Indians, but white men! and that one of them was William's nearest neighbor, the owner of the house to which Mary had fled for shelter. It would not be believed that when he was given, and the curiosity to explore the library of the Christian Observer, he had been led to the study of the original manuscript of the *Family Library*. As a proof of the great value of this volume, it is sufficient to say that it was worth \$1000.

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